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RULE FOR OPENING OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the existing norms for opening of telephone exchange in a district;

(b) whether the said norms are being violated in many regions of the country;

(c) if so, the number of such cases noticed during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check such tendencies of the Department in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

a) The minimum registered demand required for opening of a Telephone Exchange is 10 provided the demand of the telephones at the place cannot be met from an existing exchange within the SDCA (short distance charging area).

b) This condition is not being violated anywhere in the country.

c) & (d) Does not arise in view of reply to para (b) above.